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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, DA, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: STOPOVER BY SECRETARY IN COPENHAGEN

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1. AFTERNOON JAN 14, I INFORMED PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN THAT YOU ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE HIS KING INVITATION TO VISIT COPENHAGEN EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW. HE SAID THAT HE "WAS DELIGHTED" BY YOUR DECISION TO MAKE STOPOVER TUESDAY, JAN 20. HE SUGGESTS THAT YOU PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT TO HIS OFFICE WHERE HE COULD SHARE WITH YOU HIS VIEWS ON THE HELSINGOR CONFERENCE. THIS MEETING SHOULD ONLY BE ATTENDED BY SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE SINCE HE PREFERS NOT TO HAVE IT WIDELY KNOWN THAT EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS MEETING WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH. IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING RESULTS OF HELSINGOR CONFERENCE, PRIME MINISTER THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO DISCUSS OTHER SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, PRIMARILY IN MULTILATERAL CONTEXT SINCE DENMARK STANDS AT EUROPE'S CROSSROAD AS MEMBER OF NATO, UN, COMMON MARKET AND NORDIC UNION.

2. AFTER THIS MEETING PRIME MINISTER INVITES YOU AND KEY MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY TO LUNCH IN THE SAME BUILDING, FROM WHERE YOU COULD RETURN DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT. THIS WOULD PERMIT YOU TO TAKE OFF AT 4 O'CLOCK AS YOU DESIRE.

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3. PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE

HAD YOUR VIEWS ON CERTAIN ISSUES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN UP AT HELSINGOR BEFORE CONVENING OF CONFERENCE. WHILE HE MAY NOT AGREE WITH ALL OF THEM, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT THE AMERICAN POSITION IS SINCE THAT IN ITSELF IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR EUROPEANS TO KEEP IN MIND. I DID NOT CONSIDER MY MEETING WITH HIM TODAY TO BE APPROPRIATE TIME TO BRIEF HIM ON GUIDANCE SET FORTH IN STATE 007807; MOREOVER, I AM CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE WERE HE TO RECEIVE SOMETHING MORE PERSONAL DIRECTLY FROM YOU. AS CHAIRMAN OF HELSINGOR CONFERENCE AND IN LINE WITH DIALOGUE INITIATED WITH HIM LAST NOVEMBER IN WASHINGTON, IT WOULD BE PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR HIM TO RECEIVE YOUR VIEWS ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO US FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES IN WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE.

4. PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT VISIT SHOULD BE PLACED WITHIN CONTEXT OF YOUR TRAVEL TO MOSCOW AND AS A FOLLOW-UP TO HIS MEETING WITH YOU IN NOVEMBER. HE DOES NOT WISH TO LINK IT PUBLICLY TO THE HELSINGOR CONFERENCE SINCE THIS MIGHT BE EMBARRASSING TO HIM.

5. ALL IN ALL, IT WAS APPARENT THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED BY YOUR DECISION TO STOP IN COPENHAGEN ON YOUR WAY TO MOSCOW AND HE IS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
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